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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: Karel F.A.A. Smits et al.
 For: MEDICAL ELECTRICAL LEAD HAVING BENDING STIFFNESSES WHICH INCREASE IN THE DISTAL
 DIRECTION
 Serial No.: 10/781,589
 Filed: February 17, 2004

10 CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 51.8 I hereby certify that the paper(s) total as described herein are being sent to telex/fax No. (571) 273-8300, MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 28, 2006.

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

- Applicant requests a ____-month extension of time to respond to the _____ dated _____, from _____ to _____.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$ _____ for extension of time fee and \$ _____ for _____, for a TOTAL OF \$ _____ .00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies, and credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Date

28 Feb. 06


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Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the final Office Action mailed 28 December 2005 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. This Response is submitted in advance of the expiration of two-months from the mailing date of said final Office Action.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.